



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2011-2012

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Re: Applicant Name: IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Billed Entity Number: 228353
Form 471 Application Number: 804822
Funding Request Number(s): 2227883, 2230429
Your Correspondence Dated: March 01, 2012

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2011 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2227883, 2230429
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- USAC notified you that your FCC Form 471 Certification was not postmarked on or before the close of the filing window of March 24, 2011. In order to be considered within the filing window, both the application and the certification must be completed. On April 27, 2011, USAC informed you that your FCC Form 471 Certification was missing and allowed you an additional 15 days from the date of notification to submit your certification. You have failed to demonstrate that your FCC Form 471 Certification was submitted within the time prescribed. Consequently, your appeal is denied.
- The FCC requires completed FCC Form 471 applications and certifications to be postmarked by the final date of the filing window for the relevant funding year for the application in order to be considered timely filed. See Request for Review by

Alpine County Unified School District, et al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., File no. NEC.471.01-24-00.5400004, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 paras. 2 and 4 (rel. Jan. 14, 2002). The FCC's Bishop Perry Order directed USAC to provide all E-rate applicants with an additional opportunity to file the required certifications without posting new FCC Forms 471. See Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Bishop Perry Middle School, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-487170, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 5316-5317, FCC 06-54 para. 23 (May 19, 2006) (*Bishop Perry Order*). As a result, applicants that failed to submit their certification in-window or submitted their certification without a signature were given an opportunity to submit a certification that would have been considered in-window as long as: (a) The form was completed and submitted within the window; and (b) The certification was submitted within 15 days of USAC's notification that your form was not certified. See SLD section of the USAC's web site, Reference Area, "Bishop Perry Order, Help and FAQs" at www.usac.org/sl. The record indicates that you did not submit your FCC Form 471 certification within the allotted time period after USAC notified you that it was missing.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either USAC or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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